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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case. In a perfect world, I would like to see the case dropped in its entirety. However, I recognize that the likelihood of this happening is slim, so I support the steps Microsoft is taking to bring this case to a conclusion.

The terms of the settlement agreement are more than fair. In fact, I think they are entirely too harsh. For example, Microsoft has agreed to the creation of a technical oversight committee that will monitor the way they conduct their business. In our free enterprise system, this seems especially restrictive. They have also agreed to not retaliate against those who compete against them, or those who promote Microsoft's competitors. Our free market does not appear to be so free after all.

While I think the agreement really goes much farther than it should, I fully support Microsoft's decision to do what is best for consumers, the economy, and the IT industry as a whole - and that is to move on.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vicky Francis

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